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# Cascade Connection

A Newsletter for COIGAA February 2023

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Tradition 2 - p. 132 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

# Elder Statesman vs. Bleeding Deacon





"Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Step 2 of Alcoholics Anonymous



## Looking for Other Meetings?

Looking for a local Live or Virtual Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous? Check out our website for meeting locations, dates, times, login info and passwords:

www.coigaa.org

Or download the Meeting Guide App

https://www.aa.org/meeting



# **12th Step Volunteers Needed**

If you are willing to join our 12th Step Volunteer list, PLEASE contact our Hotline Chairperson, Lauren S., at hotline@coigaa.org



Thank you to Joan, Carrie, Joy, Molly and Alice for contributing to the monthly newsletter!

Remember, this is COIGAA's newsletter, for us, by US! Contribute to: newsletter@coigaa.org

Thank you, to everyone who became a "Faithful Fiver"!!!

Thank you to the generous donation from Central Oregon Speaker Meeting!

Thank you to All the Homegroups stepping up to host our Monthly Potluck Speaker Meetings!

All our Intergroup positions are currently filled!!!



Need Chips? Need AA Literature?

# You can get it at the office!

New Office Hours

Central Oregon Intergroup 541 923 8199

### Office Hours as of 2/1/2022

Monday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.		
Tuesday	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.		
Wednesday	9 am – 1pm <mark>&amp;</mark> 2 - 6pm.		
Thursday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.		
Friday	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.		

Joan is also able to bring orders to Bend if you can't make it to the office. Contact Joan at coigoffice@coigaa.org



## Principle of the Month

## Group Conscious/ Servant Leadership

"What Is an Informed A.A. Group Conscience? The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind... The term "informed group conscience" implies that

pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes."

~The A.A. Group... where it all begins" pamphlet, AA World Services, pp. 28-29

"But There Are Leaders...Tradition 2 has been misquoted many times as "we have no leaders." But it clearly states that each group does have its leaders—they just have no authority over the rest of the group. Whether they be the

group's representative to the area or district, or the secretary or treasurer, they have been entrusted with the responsibility to serve the group, not make decisions for it."

~Buddy T., A Very Well Mind, 2021

## THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF THE 12 TRADITIONS

The Twelve Traditions are often referred to as, "Why it works." They ensure the continuance of A.A. as a whole, by providing guidelines for groups to evaluate their activities and actions. In a practical vein they are, individually and collectively, humility builders for the group; they ask that the group consider its conduct from a broader perspective and, when necessary, give up something for the overall good of A.A.

The Traditions also contain spiritual principles. These principles, when applied in our lives, complement the Steps as a guide to personal recovery. Here, taken from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, (with minor editorial modification) are the spiritual principles of the Traditions that I strive to apply in my daily life:

1. The A.A. member conforms to the principles of recovery; at first because he must, later because he discovers a way of life he really wants to live. (Unity)

2. When we come to understand the wisdom of the group decision and the necessity of patiently awaiting developments, the real and permanent leadership of A.A. can offer the quiet opinion, the sure knowledge and humble example that resolve a crisis, leading by example, rather than driving by mandate. (Group Conscience)

3. When confronted by the fear that is the true basis of intolerance, we need only ask, "What would the Master do?" (Membership)

4. Eventually, we must conform to whatever tested principles guarantee survival. Sobriety must be our sole objective. In all other respects there is perfect freedom of will and action. We have the right to be wrong, but we no longer have the right to harm others. (Autonomy)

5. It is the great paradox of A.A. that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away. (Primary Purpose)

6. We are all perfectionists who, failing perfection, have gone to the other extreme. We can not be all thing s to all men, nor should we try. (Non-Affillation)

7. We, too, should be self-supporting through our own contributions. Not only is it a responsibility of sobriety, it is essential to our self-esteem. (Self-Supporting)

8. We give freely what has been given freely to us. (Non-Professional)

9. Unless each A.A. member follows to the best of his ability our suggested Twelve Steps to recovery, he almost certainly signs his death warrant. His drunkenness and dissolution are not penalties inflicted by people in authority; they result from his personal disobedience to spiritual principles. (Spirit of Service)

10. We should not back away from our individual responsibility to act as we believe upon the issues of our time, yet self-righteousness should not cause us to enforce our will on others. (Outside Issues)

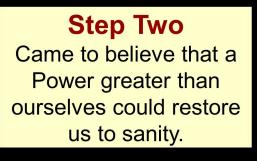
11. Personal ambition has no place in A.A. There is never need to praise ourselves. (Attraction Rather Than Promotion)

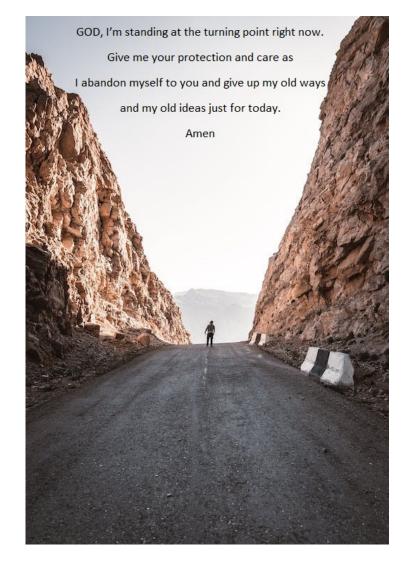
12. The spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. We try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity, is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have. (Principles Before Personalities)

The spiritual principles of the traditions teach us that, "we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

Jack D. (The Home Group)







# **Step Two:**

"Sanity' is defined as 'soundness of mind.' Yet no alcoholic, soberly analyzing his destructive behavior, whether the destruction fell on the dining-room furniture or his own moral fiber, can claim 'soundness of mind' for himself. Therefore, Step Two is the rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this Step. True humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every A.A meeting is an assurance that God [*as we understand God*] will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him [*God*]."

~Twelve Steps and 12 Traditions, p.33

"We need to ask ourselves but one short question. 'Do I now believe, or am I even willing to believe, that there is a Power greater than myself?' As soon as a man can say that he does believe, or is willing to believe, we emphatically assure him that he is on his way. It has been repeatedly proven among us that upon this simple cornerstone a wonderfully effective spiritual structure can be built."

~Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 47

# <u>Steps To Sobriety Grp Presents</u>: What: Speaker Meeting When: Fridays at 5:30pm Where: The Rebels Roost 703 N. Main St. Prineville Or.

<u>Upcoming Speakers:</u> Jan 6th Christine B. From Redmond Earlyrisers Jan 13th Dan B. From the MSM Grp Jan 20th Doug M. From Fleeting Thoughts Feb 3rd Carrie B. From New Horizons Feb 10th Cody D. From Fleeting Thoughts Feb 17th Alan S. From Primary Purpose



PAGE 21 GRP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MONDAY FEB 27TH SPEAKER MEETING RON B.

(FROM THE NHG)



WHEN: MONDAY FEB 27TH 12:00 NOON WHERE: 1685 SE LYNN BLVD PRINEVILLE OR. (PRINEVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH)



Join us every Monday @ 12pm for a Big Book Study Snacks & Fellowship at 11:30 On the last Monday of each month we have a short Tradition study with the DCM from District 5 followed by a guest speaker!

New Horizons Group Of Alcoholics Anonymous Wednesdays at Noon - Speaker/Discussion Mtgs



2/1 - Michael H. from the WFS Grp.
2/8 - Gayle T. from the Tumalo Grp.
2/15 - Vicki S. from the New Horizons Grp.
2/22 - Emily E. from the 24 and Alive Grp.
3/1 - Amanda B. from the Primary Purpose Grp.

The New Horizons Group Meets Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs at Noon At The Trinity Episcopal Church 469 NW Wall St, Bend, OR 97703 Visit NewHorizonsGroupAA.com

Mondays: 11th Step Mtg 1st Monday: Tradition Study Tuesdays: Big Book Study Wednesdays: Spk/Discussion Mtg Thursdays: Beginners Mtg



Download past speakers here for free Central Oregon Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous Presents the February 2023 Potluck and Speaker Meeting

Hosted by Attitude Adjustment February 25th, 2023 from 6—8 pm Trinity Episcopal Church in Brooks Hall 469 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97703 Speakers at 7 pm—AA and Al Anon Walt W. and Bonnie D.

Open Meeting/All Are Welcome! Please Bring a Dish to Share or Just Come for the Fellowship and Shares!

Please arrive at 5 pm if you plan to be of service setting up and/or plan to stay a bit later to help clean up! Contact Joan C. at 541-923-8199 or Barry J. 310-293-2954 for more info





Carry The Message Project

The Carry The Message Project focuses on getting Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions to alcoholics in need.

It's not necessary to know the recipient!

Sponsor a subscription for someone behind bars, in a treatment facility, nursing home, or homebound.

Give A Gift Today!

https://www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message





"As your sponsor, I think we need to go over the concept of 'Amends' before you meet with her." ~Geoff C.



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# Did you know you can listen to AA speakers on YouTube?!?!

Here is the link to listen to Joe and Charlie talk about We Agnostics: https://youtu.be/oGTDDao8Oko

Hello Central Oregon Intergroup!

First off, We held the Big 12 Steps and 12 Traditions weekend Workshop this weekend. Over 600 in attendance and amazing feedback! Thank you to all who helped on the committee! If you were able to attend some but not all of this workshop and would like to listen to the recordings you will be able to download them for free at District5AA.org after next week. Enjoy!

PRAASA is coming up FAST! If you have never been to a PRAASA I highly encourage you to attend this! PRAASA stands for the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. This is like an Assembly but for the entire region. Instead of just Oregon, it consists of 14 areas! Please get those fliers out to your Group and invite as many people as you can! It is in Southern Calif this time and is always a GREAT event! Super Cheap flights! Your voices are important at this event, wanted, and needed! (Only \$250 round trip flights, so book now!) https://praasa.org/

Next up is the <u>Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly. March 31-April 2</u> being held at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to register!!

Speaking of Assemblies, District 5 will be hosting the May assembly right here in Central Oregon! At the Redmond fairgrounds. Although we will now *not* be asking the groups for additional financial support, we will need lots of physical support in hosting this event here locally. Volunteers are needed! The more the better!

I want to thank the COIG newsletter for always including General service events I send into the beautiful newsletter that you put out!

District 5 would like to invite COIG to send in an intergroup report even if neither of the chairs are able to make it to the meeting. It will be included in the District minutes and published on the website.

For more information, or to request a workshop for your home group, presentation, or a group inventory visit **District5AA.org** 

Yours in Fellowship & Service, District 5 DCM <u>http://district5aa.org/</u> Carrie B. 541-788-7276 <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/17NVZFZgrEJTPBNCtsJJCheOCSU0ZexVWAyy0</u> <u>E4kJ3\_M/edit?usp=sharing</u>



# **SPONSORSHIP** WORKSHOP

"CARRYING THE MESSAGE"



#### Hosted by District 16

Come learn about the importance of AA sponsorship. Panel presentations followed by Q&A session. All are welcome to attend. ĥс

ASL interpretation provided

Saturday, Feb 18, 2023, 3-4:30 PM ZOOM - 456-010-1935 PASSWORD: 06101935

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that, I am responsible."



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#### March 2 - 5, 2023 Best Western Agate Beach Inn Newport, Oregon **REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 12th**

#### "Celebrating 40 Years of Recovery"

Conference Events and Registration Information: REGISTER EARLY! Registration opens Monday, 12/12/22 at <u>oregonw2w.com.</u>

- 1) Onsite conference is \$120.00 and includes coffee, all meetings and workshops, Saturday night buffet, Sunday morning brunch, and commemorative items. The first 160 to register for onsite will receive a commemorative gettros, using the second provide the seco

Meetings and Workshops: Meetings and workshops focus on the conference theme of "Celebrating 40 Years of Recovery". They begin Thursday evening at 7:30 pm and continue throughout the conference. If you would like to lead a meeting, please indicate that when registering and provide your complete contact information

Conference Apparel: A long sleeve sweatshirt can be purchased for \$22.00 when you either register for in person or zoom attendance on the website starting December 12th. All orders must be placed at time of registration

Hospitality and Onsite Check-in: Hospitality and onsite check-in opens Thursday at 4:00 pm.

Table Reservations. Sign up in the hospitality room, 6th floor, Suite 614, to reserve seating for the Saturday evening banquet. Tables accommodate parties of eight. Seating is not reserved Sunday morning.

Scholarships: We have a limited number of work-exchange (2 hours) full scholarships available. This does not include transportation or accommodations. To see if a scholarship is available, contact Tana B. tanabrown1@gmail.com by email or phone (541) 206-9789 (please leave a detailed message including your phone number).

E-mail: oregonw2w@gmail.com - Website: Visit to register online - oregonw2w.com. To receive annual registration information by email, you are encouraged to add <u>contact@oregonw2w.com</u>to your contacts.

NO REFUNDS or discounts available at any time. You may transfer your registration by contacting the registrar, Tana B tanabrown1@gmail.com by email or phone (541) 206-9789.

#### For accommodations, please CALL

Best Western Agate Beach Inn 3019 N. Coast Hwy. Newport, OR 97365 (541) 265-9411 MAP

rate and pet rooms are limited.

RATES PER NIGHT — Hillside Room (\$120.00) or Ocean View room (\$140.00). Reservations must be

made BEFORE February 1, 2023 in order to get the conference rate and attendees must identify as participants in the W2W conference. Conference

Speakers.

- Thursday Kickoff Meeting 7:30 pm Tricia S., Eugene
- aker Meeting: 7:30 pm Stacey D., Eugene

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual

#### Nothin' Sacred Men's Retreat

#### March 9th 10th 11th & 12th

Fun & Fellowship in Sobriety

## \*\*\* Limited Scholarships Available\*\*\*

For those with less than 6 months Please Register Before Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> For Scholarship

#### **Meetings Fellowship and Friends** Food, Fishing, Bowling, and Golf

#### **Registration:**

\$30 if received on or before 2/28

#### \$40 if received after 2/28

Go to or click here: https://nothin-sacred-mens-retreat.cheddarup.com



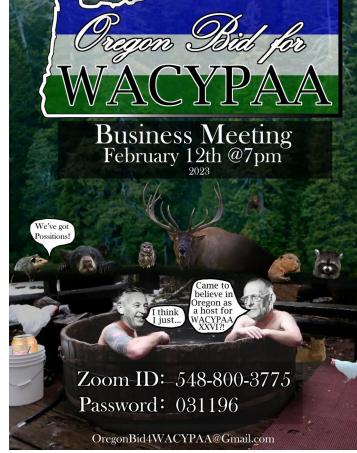
For Schedule of events or Questions? Contact us: prineville.nothinsacred.reg@gmail.com John Y. Registration:

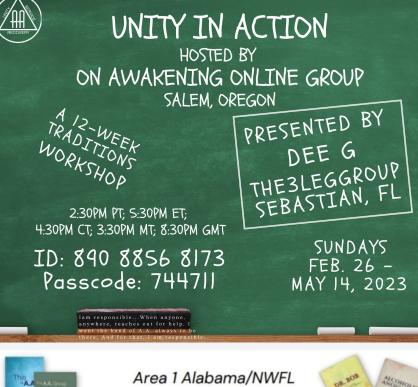
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Scholarships: Ride Coordinator: 503-995-1429 arkansaw1@outlook.com 509-250-3546 rlindhe92@gmail.com 541-961-5379 ballz00435@gmail.com











# AREA 1 LITERATURE COMMITTEE

# Monthly Literature Workshops

January 31 Why Have a Literature Committee? Presented by Patty H - Area 1 Literature Chair

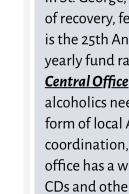
> February 28 How can GSO help you?

Presented by Marita R - Trustee-at-Large, US Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee

March 28

Pamphlet Workshop: The AA Group Pamphlet Presented by Carrie B - DCM, Area 58 District 5

ZOOM ID: 629 006 1411 5pm Pacific PW: 1935 7:00 PM Central





# Winterfest 2023 Theme: A New Way of Life \*

\* From Daily Reflections – Those Who Still Suffer "The group exists so that the alcoholic can find a *new way* of life, a life abundant in happiness, joy and freedom"

- Guest speaker events will be held at the Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center (MAP)
- Marathon Meetings, Workshops and fellowship activities will be based at the Red Lion
- Hotel rooms are available at the Red Lion for \$99 per night. Call 435-628-4235 and mention "Dixie Winterfest" for this rate.
- <u>CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS</u>

Dixie Winterfest is the annual AA conference hosted in St. George, Utah, offering a mid-winter weekend of recovery, fellowship and "Fun in the Sun". This year is the 25th Anniversary of Dixie Winterfest. It is the yearly fund raising event to support the **Dixie** Central Office. The DCO provides support to those alcoholics needing assistance in recovery in the form of local AA Meetings information and coordination, both in print and on its website. The office has a wide selection of literature, brochures, CDs and other items available.

https://dixiewinterfest.org/tickets2023



Live Conference 2/16-2/19 Sold Out! **Register for the Virtual Conference at the link** below:



2023 AL-ANON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2023 International Convention will be held on June 29—July 3, 2023 At the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM Registration will open November 1, 2022 <u>https://al-anon.org/wso-events/2023-al-anon-international-</u>

11<sup>th</sup> Annual OAC

Save The Dates

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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To Be Held At: Molalla Retreat Center 36208 S Molalla Forest Rd Molalla, OR 97038

Contact: OregonAlateenConference@gmail.com



# **District 5 Annual Al Anon Spaghetti Feed...** 50/50 Raffle and Desserts-CASH ONLY

# It's Back!!!

Better Late Than Never



PayPal and Venmo available for admission at the door! "Keep Coming Back"

# Please join D5 Al Anon for their amazing and only annual fundraiser...

# The 2023 Spaghetti Feed and Speaker Meeting



Saturday, February 11th from 4:30–8 pm **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** 61980 Skyline Ranch Rd, Bend, OR 97703

Doors Open at 4:30 for Fellowship

Dinner and Fellowship from 5:30- 6:30

Basket Raffles and 50/50 Raffle Drawn at 6:15 pm

Alateen (Isabella O.), Al Anon (Pearl H.) and AA (Carlos W.) Speakers from 6:30 - 8:00

Adults—\$15 Couples—\$25

Families of 4 (2 adults, 2 children 5-12 yrs.) - \$30



Additional Children 5 – 12 – \$5 • Ages 4 and under – Free

Basket Raffle Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5, 50/50 Raffle Tickets \$1 each, Desserts 50¢ - \$1 each



Please make checks payable to District 5 AFG—in memo: SF 2023 and mail to: District 5 AFG. P.O. Box 1165, Bend, OR 97709

# **AA Humor**



#### AA Humor

After joining AA, I gained a bit of weight. A friend told me it was because I didn't get as much exercise as I used to.

"But I never exercised while I was drinking," I protested.

"Sure you did," he countered, "the exercise program you were on had a number of routines."

Hitting the bottle Bending the rules Stretching the truth Running into trouble Jumping to conclusions Stepping on toes Dodging responsibilities Pushing your luck Carrying a grudge Throwing fits and Picking up the pieces.

(Thanks to Molly C. via Tory H.





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Intergroup Meetings take place the fourth Sunday of each month at 5:30 PM, except in Nov. and Dec. when they meet on the third Sunday. Held both live at TEC (Trinity Episcopal Church) and as a Hybrid Zoom Meeting as well.

469 NW Wall Street, Bend.

#### Observers are welcome to attend too!

Contact secretary@coigaa.org for log on information